

# "On to First Division," Now the Griffmen's Slogan—Babe Ruth and Chicago Nationals Stopped

## FIGHTING GRIFFS HAVE NEW SLOGAN

"On to First Division" Is Heard Today.

## BROWNIES IN BAD SLUMP

Nationals Expect Clean Sweep and May Come Home in Luck.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

ST. LOUIS, May 19.—"On to the first division" is the slogan of the fighting Griffmen. If things go wrong with the Cleveland Indians, a clean sweep here will put the Griffmen among the first four teams in the race, which already gives indications of becoming a hummer inside of the next three weeks.

Today the Griffmen are close behind the Browns. Fielder Jones' leads are playing about as bad as the Griffmen were two weeks ago, and the chances are good for four consecutive wins here for the invaders. This will put the Griffmen in fifth place, only one step or two behind the Indians, even if the latter have success in their battles with Connie Mack's crew.

Makes No Predictions.

"I don't want to make any predictions," said Manager Griffith this morning, "but it looks to me as if we might be in the first division by the time we see Washington again. Of course, that would hurt my feelings a whole lot."

Judging by their work yesterday, the Browns are in the middle of a bad slump, the team is hitting and fielding poorly, and there is a noticeable lack of up-and-go, just as there was with the Griffmen until the Old Fox shook them up in Cleveland. All of this augurs well for the invaders, who are sure to make a fight for every victory, hoping to climb into the first division inside of the coming week.

Harper Still in Condition.

Harry Harper is still in condition for his best work. Since that opening victory against the Yankees in Washington, he has worked less than two innings. In the cold weather at Cleveland he lacked control and was yanked after walking two batters. Yesterday his control was not so bad, though it was not good, but he lacked much of his accustomed speed and curves. Had he remained on the slab, the Griffmen's victory would have been lost, for the Browns showed no fear of the Hackenschlag juggler.

"I thought that the hot weather would have brought him around," explained Manager Griffith, "but it didn't. With the score even I refused to take any chances and sent in Dumont, who pitched good ball. I shall keep Harper working out every day, however, until he is ready. You are he for all the training season because of his lame arm, and the results are appearing."

McBride Begins Working.

George McBride has begun working out at short and, if really needed, could step into the line-up at any time. The nift on his wounded finger has been tuffed out by Mayor Mike Martin, and now he is growing. McBride is still unable to grip a bat with the necessary strength, and so will languish on the bench until he is. Meanwhile Crane is playing beautiful ball in the field, though weaker than McBride in the attack.

Eddie Plank yesterday started his second game of the year. On April 18 he defeated the White Sox, and was a cold drizzly day and his arm stiffened after the contest to such an extent that he was compelled to rest until yesterday. He was far from the Plank of old against the Griffmen and it may be another month before he is able to show at his best.

Plank is the oldest pitcher in active service in the big leagues, being more than forty years old. It is but natural that he must stop sometime and that time is approaching rapidly. One thing is certain, he will be little use to Fielder Jones unless he can pitch oftener than once a month.

Morgan feasted on Plank's slow ball, meeting it safely three times in a row. The chunky second baseman is beginning to hit the ball with all his expected vigor and the old fox is chuckling, for he believes that with Morgan hitting the ball hard he will be a drag on the team's offensive play.

Morgan Has Feast.

The Griffmen yesterday experienced their first summer weather. The thermometer was up around the 80 mark and reminded the boys of their Augusta training camp. That they liked the change from the chill winds of Cleveland and Detroit was seen by their dash and life on the field.

Manager Griffith spent the evening studying his books and preparing his speech to be delivered at Blooming, Ill., next Tuesday. Librarian Craft was at his elbow, picking out the various authorities.

BAKER'S DOUBLE WINS.

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BROTHERS IN SEMI-FINALS.

BALTIMORE, May 19.—B. Warren and Dudley Clarke Cockran advanced to the semifinals in the Baltimore Country Club's annual invitation tournament yesterday, Warren defeating George Small, and Clark winning over J. C. Parrish, Jr.

TITLE TO BURSTED.

NEW YORK, May 19.—Miss Molla Burstedt, holder of many tennis titles, annexed another yesterday when she won the championship of the Metropolitan Patriotic tournament, defeating Mrs. C. V. Hitchens, champion of Mexico, 6-3, 6-1.

## Griffmen's Star Hitters Slump

Judge Now Leading With .295 Average—Shaw Heads Washington Pitchers—Tris Speaker Passes Rivals.

Griffith has no .300 hitter. Joe Judge, Eddie Foster and Clyde Mize were in the charmed circle up until the time this week's averages were compiled. With Wednesday's game included, Judge is now leading the trio with a mark of .295. Mize has .275, and Foster .272. Sam Rice is traveling along at a .263 gait.

Tris Speaker has regained the league leadership. He is one point ahead of Sisler, the Browns' demon, with an average of .344. McInnis and Strunk, of the Athletics are batting .330 each.

Babe Ruth, the Red Sox moundsman, has yet to be licked with eight victories to his credit. Shaw is leading the Washington pitchers, including the game he won yesterday, the rabbit hunter has four wins and two losses. Here's the junk:

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## PLANK'S OLD JINX BREAKS AND GRIFFMEN MAUL HIM

Errors Help Out Largely in Fourth Straight Victory.

ST. LOUIS, May 19.—Eddie Plank, long a jinx for the Griffmen, is a jinx no more. He was untried to stop the sprouting winning streak and was mauled and mangled until even the cruel Fielder Jones waxed merciful and allowed the creature to get away. The final game saw the Griffmen ahead 8 to 2.

Perfect fairness demands that Plank be absolved from all blame for his defeat. He had little of his old-time speed or control, but he was made to look even worse by Dr. Lavan, who performed like a wild man at the short stop, if only out of respect for old age, deserved better treatment.

Griff Open Up Well.

Lavan's error, a pass to Milan and singles by Foster and Rice, gave the Griffmen two runs in the first, but Jacobson's home run in the left field bleachers with Austin on quickly tied up things. The entrance of Dumont in Harper's place brought an end to the Browns' scoring for the day, though wildness in two innings threatened trouble. Only four hits were made off Dumont during the eight innings he toiled.

Sisler's error allowed Henry to live in the second until Gallia, hitting for Harper, could bring him over with a single down the left field line.

Morgan's error put Shanks on in the third, he stole, and scored on Morgan's run.

Triple Starts It Again.

Judge's triple to the bleachers, followed by Lavan's error, gave the Griffmen a run in the fourth. Lavan's will leave let Rice go to third as a starter in the fifth. Morgan's single to center scored him.

Plank faded after the tortures of the seventh, which opened with a pass to Foster. Milan sacrificed and Rice beat out an infield hit. Shanks laid down a perfect bunt and squeezed Foster across. Morgan's third safety, a drive past Lavan, scored Rice from second. Henry beat out one to Lavan, and the bases were jammed when Crane beat out one to Austin. Dumont closed the season with a pop to Morgan.

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## CUBS FINALLY LOSE; BABE RUTH BEATEN

White Sox Win Seventh Straight Victory.

## YANKS AND RED SOX ARE TIED

Former Takes Five Games in a Row—Baker Swats Ball.

Two winning streaks were shattered and two were continued in the big leagues yesterday. After coping ten games in a row, the Cubs went down to defeat before the Phillies in the National League, Niehoff's batting turning the trick.

In the American League, Babe Ruth, the Red Sox southpaw, was beaten by the White Sox after taking seven straight victories.

In trimming Ruth, the Rowland tribe annexed their seventh consecutive win.

By defeating the Tigers, the Yankees made it five in a row and incidentally ascended to a tie for first place with the Red Sox.

The Yankees will bear watching from now. Frank Baker, Donnan's third sacker, who failed to play up to his old standard in the field and at bat during the first stages of the season, has begun to show the horsehide with old-time vigor and during the last week has won several games for his team.

It was his double in the final inning yesterday that broke a 3-to-2 tie and brought victory. Previous to this he had rapped out two singles and drawn a pass. He also played a brilliant fielding game.

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